

REMARKS

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance because the claims are novel and non-obvious over the cited art. The following paragraphs provide the justification for these beliefs. In view of the following reasoning for allowance, the applicants hereby respectfully request further examination and reconsideration of the subject application.

Claims 1-54 were pending in the parent application. Claims 19-40 and 46-55 have been incorporated into a divisional application and are therefore cancelled from this application. The allowable subject matter of Claims 17 and 45 has been incorporated into independent claims 1 and 41.

Objection to the Specification

The specification was objected to because, on Page 14, paragraph 52, the camera and sequence of images are given the reference numbers 163 and 164, respectively, when they in fact should be number 192 and 193, respectively. The reference numbers have been corrected.

The title was objected to because the Office Action claimed that it was not descriptive. In response, the applicant has amended the title to read "Image Exchange with Image Annotation".

It is believed that these modifications have remedied any objections to the specification. It respectfully requested the objections to the specification, including the title, be withdrawn.

Drawings

The drawings were objected to because they did not include reference sign 208. The applicant has amended FIG. 2 to show this reference number. A replacement sheet is included herewith.

It is believed that these modifications have remedied any objections to the drawings. It respectfully requested the objections to the drawings be withdrawn.

The 35 USC 112 second paragraph rejection.

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

The Examiner contended that Claim 13 has insufficient antecedent basis for Claim 13. The Applicants have amended Claim 4 to provide antecedent basis for Claim 13.

It is believed amended Claim 13 now fulfills the requirements of 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as it particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claim 13 be reconsidered.

Allowable Subject Matter

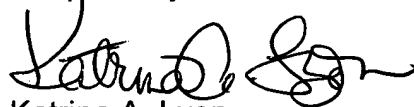
Last, the Office Action objected to claims 17 and 45 as being dependent from a rejected claim base, but stated that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. The applicants gratefully acknowledge this allowable subject matter found in Claims 17 and 45. The applicant has amended

independent claims 1 and 41 to contain the allowable subject matter. The Applicant submits that these claims are now in condition for allowance.

Summary.

In summary, it is believed that Claims 1-16, 18, and 41-45 are in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of these claims and to pass this application to issue. Additionally, in an effort to further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicant kindly invites the Examiner to telephone the Applicant's attorney at (805) 278-8855 if the Examiner has any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katrina A. Lyon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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